

P&G Case 8846C

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

KEVIN BENSON MCNEIL: Confirmation No.:Serial No.:: Group Art Unit:

Filed: : Examiner:

For: Process And Apparatus For Contact Printing With Supply Of Release Agent Through A
Porous Printing Surface

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made below in a Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

1. [X] 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(1) - U.S. Direct (within 3-months of filing a regular application or converted provisional)

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(1), is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

2. [] 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(2) - Via PCT (within 3 mo. of Nat'l Stage Entry)

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3. [] 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3) - (>3 mo. after filing direct or nat'l stage entry, but before 1st O.A.)

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3). Applicants have not received an Office Action on the merits in the present application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that this paper is crossing in the mail with a first Office Action on the merits, authorization is hereby given to charge the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed to facilitate charging of the fee, if necessary.

THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO (2) OR (3) MARKED WITH AN (X) ABOVE.

- (a) [] The Notification of Acceptance of this Application Under 35 U.S.C. §371 indicates that <u>both</u> a copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein are present in the national stage file. In accordance with MPEP §1893.03(g), it is respectfully requested that the Examiner note the consideration of these references in the first Office Action via the PTO-892 form.
- (b) [] The Notification of Acceptance of this Application Under 35 U.S.C. §371 indicates that a copy of the International Search Report is present in the national stage file. Copies of the references cited in that report are enclosed.
- (c) [] The Notification of Acceptance of this Application Under 35 U.S.C. §371 does <u>not</u> indicate that a copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited are present in the national stage file. Copies of the International Search Report and references are attached.
- 4. [] 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(4) (before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114)

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4), is being filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

| 5. [] Information to be Considered with CPA Filing. This information disclosure |
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| statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 CFR |
| 1.53(d). |
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| in prior application Case No. 8846, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/050,276, filed January |
| 16, 2002. Applicants claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, |
| copies of those documents are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). |
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| and considered in parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No, filed |
| Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, |
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| made of record in this case. |
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| | | Respectfully submitted, | | | | | |
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